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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains 25X1

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT DATE PREPARED 16 March 1954

DATE OBTAINED REFERENCES

PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS This is UNEVALUATED Information

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CB - Converted boxcar
 B - Boxcar
 F - Flatcar
 RRym- Heavy-duty flatcar

1. Troop trains from the direction of Bernau passing through Biessenthal toward Eberswalde on 5 and 6 March 1954 included: a train of 8 B, 23 F with 15 artillery pieces, and trucks; and another train of 10 B, 23 F with 16 artillery pieces, 1 tank, and trucks on 5 March; and a train of 10 B, 22F with AF guns and 32 trucks on 6 March. 25X1
2. Troop trains observed on 9 and 10 March included: three trains with 17 artillery pieces each from Ludwigslust to Ellerholz on 9 March; a train of 13 B, 46 F with light AA guns, and another train of an undetermined number of cars with medium AAA guns from the Magdeburg railroad district to Schwerin- Goerries on 10 March. 25X1
3. A large number of railroad cars was to be made available in the Mecklenburg area. Converted boxcars were dispatched to Ellerholz, Dranse, Wittstock, and Neuruppin. The railroad subdistrict office at Wittenberge had to dispatch seven locomotives with two crews each to Neuruppin, and train crews to Netzband and Ellerholz. The regular freight traffic was almost stopped. 3
4. Entrained at Mirow and Ellerholz 25X1
5. Orders by the Schwerin railroad district indicated that the following empty railroad cars were to be made available on 10 and 11 March:

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<u>Date in Month</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>	
13	12 CB, 48 F	Neuruppin	Greifswald railroad district	
	12 CB, 31 F	"	"	
	11 CB, 46 F	"	"	
	14 CB, 43 F	"	"	
14	14 CB, 46 F	"	Prenzlau	
	14 CB, 26 F	Netzeband	Greifswald railroad district	
	5 RRym			
	6 CB, 3 F	"	"	
	12 RRym			
	6 CB, 4 F	"	Orenienburg	
	12 RRym			
	4 CB, 2 F	"	Templin	
	9 RRym			
	12 CB, 32 F	"	Prenzlau	
15	14 CB, 41 F	Dranse		
	9 CB, 48 F	"		
	9 CB, 14 F	"		
	12 RRym			
	10 CB, 26 F	Wittstock	Prenzlau	
	2 RRym			
	12 CB, 27 F	"	"	
	3 RRym			

Railroad cars to be dispatched from the Berlin-East railroad carpentry shop on 13, 14, and 15 March included:

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<u>Date in Month</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
13	19 CB 20 CB, 30 F	Justerbog-Altes Lager Luckenwalde
14	9 CB,	Velten
15	6 CB 30 CB 10 CB	Dallgow Velten Sachsenhausen

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1. [redacted] Comment. The two troop trains on 5 March 1954 probably carried elements of the 120th (?) AAA Regt of the 6th Gds Mecu Div from Bernau to Jueterbog. The troop train on 6 March 1954 was one of the two trains which hauled elements of the 71st Light Arty Brig [redacted] from Bernau to Neustrelitz to participate in field exercises by the 25th Tank Div in the Mueritz See Lake - Neuruppin area. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. There are slight indications that, on about 10 March 1954, units of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps conducted field exercises in the Mueritz See Lake - Wittstock area. The three troop trains to Ellerholz possibly carried contingents to the above maneuver. As, however, an artillery unit with such a high number of artillery pieces is not stationed at Ludwigslust, the trains probably came from Schwerin. On 10 March 1954, possibly contingents of the 3rd Gds AAA Div were dispatched from Magdeburg to Schwerin to participate in the above field exercises. 25X1

3. [redacted] Comment. The observations in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 are mutually confirming. 25X1

[redacted] The observations covered the return shipments of the 25th Tank Div after termination of the field exercise mentioned in [redacted] Comment 1.

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